

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to amendment filed on 12/26/2007 and communication with Applicant's representative Mr. Gary W Hamilton on 3/5/2008.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary W Hamilton on 3/5/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, please delete " and " (line 5) and insert after next-level fragment (line 7) --- ; **retrieving the next-level fragment; combining the top-level fragment and the next-level fragment into an assembled fragment; obtaining a source identifier for the next-level fragment from the linking element; sending a request message for the next-level fragment using the source identifier for the next-level fragment; and receiving a response message comprising the next-level fragment --- .**

In claim 8, delete " and " (line 5) and insert after next-level fragment (line 7) --- **means for retrieving the next-level fragment; means for combining the top-level fragment and the next-level fragment into an assembled fragment; means for obtaining a source identifier for the next-level fragment from the linking element;**

means for sending a request message for the next-level fragment using the source identifier for the next-level fragment; and means for receiving a response message comprising the next-level fragment ---.

In claim 15, delete “ and “ (line 6) and insert --- **storage ---** (line 2 before medium), and insert after next-level fragment (line 9) --- **instructions for retrieving the next-level fragment; instructions for combining the top-level fragment and the next-level fragment into an assembled fragment; instructions for obtaining a source identifier for the next-level fragment from the linking element; instructions for sending a request message for the next-level fragment using the source identifier for the next-level fragment; and instructions for receiving a response message comprising the next-level fragment ---.**

Cancel claims 2 – 3, 9 – 10, and 16 – 17.

Contact Information

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